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BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON

TEXT OF NOTE TO FIGHTERS STATED

Substance of Secretary Hay's Diplomatic Move Made Public Last Night to Associated Press.

Suggests Propriety of Limiting Hostilities to Small Area as Possible.

GERMANY FIRST TO RESPOND

Promptly Indorses Suggestion of Our Government—England Awaits Further Information.

Washington, Feb. 12.—To Russia and Japan the Washington government suggests the propriety of limiting hostilities within as small an area as possible, and of respecting the neutrality and administrative entity of China, that China may be free from disturbance and foreign interests there from menace.

This the Associated Press is enabled to give as the substance of the note addressed by Secretary Hay on February 10 to the St. Petersburg and Tokio governments. Secretary Hay later invited the powers concurrently to address Russia and Japan with the same suggestion. Germany was the first to respond with prompt acceptance of the suggestion and the promise that she would immediately address the two combatants.

Great Britain was heard from next, expressing adherence to the principle laid down in the note, but withholding formal acceptance pending an answer to her inquiry as to whether or not the administrative entity of China involved Manchuria.

Russia Not Ready to Reply.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—Russia is evidently not prepared at this time to give an answer to the United States regarding Secretary Hay's note on the

subject of the neutrality of China. Russia, it can be said, is certainly anxious as the United States that the war shall cause no rising or disorders in China.

COMMITTEES NAME THE DAY

The Republican State Convention Will Be Held in Portland on April 14 Next.

Portland, Feb. 12.—At its meeting held here today, the republican state central committee selected Portland as the place and April 14 as the date for holding the republican state convention. The apportionment of delegates to sit at the convention was fixed at one delegate for each county at large one delegate from each county for each 150 votes cast at the last election, and one additional delegate for each fraction thereof over 100 votes.

It was further recommended to county clerks that primary elections be held on Saturday, April 2, and that in case this recommendation was acted on, to hold county conventions April 7. W. T. Schofield represented Clatsop county at the meeting today.

The report of the sub-committee on apportionment was as follows:

Baker, 14; Benton, 7; Clackamas, 18; Clatsop, 10; Columbia, 7; Coos, 11; Gilliam, 4; Grant, 7; Harney, 4; Jackson, 9; Crook, 5; Curry, 3; Douglas, 14; Gilliam, 4; Grant, 7; Harney, 4; Jackson, 12; Josephine, 7; Klamath, 4; Lake, 4; Lane, 19; Lincoln, 5; Linn, 14; Malheur, 5; Marion, 23; Morrow, 5; Multnomah, 71; Polk, 9; Sherman, 4; Tillamook, 5; Umatilla, 16; Union, 10; Wallowa, 6; Wasco, 12; Washington, 13; Wheeler, 4; Yamhill, 11; total, 381.

Mrs. Lorenz Is Free.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Before court adjourned in the hospital trial today, Mrs. Martha J. Lorenz was a free woman. Justice Pritchard decided there was not sufficient evidence to hold her and directed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty. She simply smiled at the announcement and was warmly congratulated by her council and friends.

Herrera Knocked Out.

Anacosta, Mont., Feb. 12.—In a fight tonight that was a whirlwind from start to finish, Louis Long, of Oakland, knocked out Aurelio Herrera, of Bakersfield, Cal., in the third round of what was to have been a 20-round go.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS MAKE ATTACK ON BRITISHER LEAVING PORT ARTHUR

Apology Is Made for Act, But Protest Is Filed By British Commander When the Vessel Reaches Port.

American Steamer Tied Up at Port Arthur By Russians, According to Consul's Report—Czar Issues Ukase Commanding Troops in Different Military Districts to Prepare for War's Emergencies.

Chefoo, Feb. 11.—(Delayed in transit.)—The British steamer Fuping, when leaving Port Arthur, was fired upon by Russian warships. Three Chinese members of the crew were wounded. The Russians afterwards apologized for firing on the vessel. The Fuping, upon its arrival at Wei Hai Wei, filed a protest with the British commission. The American consul has reported to United States Minister Conger that the Russians have refused to allow the American steamer Pleades to leave Port Arthur. The Pleades sailed from Seattle February 2, with a cargo of flour.

Russia Gets Forces Together.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—An imperial ukase, dated February 10, commands all troops in military establishments in the Siberian military district, to be placed in readiness for war; that all divisions in the far eastern vicinities be brought to war strength, and the army and navy reserves in the Siberian and Kazan districts be called out for active service.

Merchant Ship Shelled.

London, Feb. 12.—Baron Haysashi has received a dispatch from Tokio announcing that on February 11 two Japanese merchant steamers, the Nakanoura Maru and Zensho Maru, while on their way from Sakata to Otaru, were surrounded and shelled by four Russian warships off the coast of Okushiri. The Nakanoura was sunk, but the Zensho escaped and arrived safely at Fuku-yama.

Torpedo Transport Sunk.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12, 4 a. m.—The report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The Yenisei sank and Captain Stepanoff, three officers and 91 men were lost.

Heavy Firing at Sea.

Tin Sin, Feb. 12.—It is reported from Ging Wang Tao (about 150 miles north east of Tin Sin) that heavy firing has been heard at sea, and it is inferred from this that another engagement has taken place.

Northern Japan In Danger.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The best naval opinion credits the report that the Russian Vladivostok squadron, of four armored cruisers, has left Vladivostok, and it is believed it will attack two coaling stations on the northern coast of Japan. In anticipation of this move, it is understood the Japanese have several warships guarding these points.

SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE.

Reinforcements to Operate on Opposite Side of Peninsula.

New York, Feb. 12.—The Japanese troops landed at Gensan are intended to operate with the troops that have now been successfully landed at Pingyang, on the opposite side of the Korean peninsula, says a World dispatch from Kobe, Japan. These two forces constitute Japan's second line of defense against the Russians, who are marching over the Yalu into Korea. A first line of defense has been arranged. It is composed of picked troops, who are lined up along the south bank of the Yalu. It is, however, considered unlikely that this army will reach its destination in time to intercept the invading Russians. The second line may

fail to hold the invaders, in which case it is expected that a land battle would take place not far from Seoul.

In any case the Japanese preparations are made with the view of closing in on any body of Russian troops that succeeds in forcing its way into the interior of Korea. Mobilization of the army has been effected without a hitch. The transportation of soldiers and supplies by means of the railway from the interior to the coast proceeds with great precision.

TWO HUNDRED LOST.

Latest Report States That Not a Jap Was Killed.

New York, Feb. 12.—About 200 of the Varig's crew lost their lives when that vessel was destroyed Monday by the Japanese off Chemulpo, according to a World's dispatch from Tokio. The crew of the Russian cruiser number 570. Many lost their lives under fire but a large number were drowned in attempting to escape.

The men loyally aided their officers and it is said not one of the latter was drowned in getting ashore. Many swam not to the shore, but to the foreign men of war in the harbor, which promptly lowered boats and went to their rescue. Besides the French cruiser Pascal, the Italian cruiser Elba and the British cruiser Talbot aided the refugees. One hundred and fifty, many of them wounded, reached the Talbot.

Sir Cyprian Bridge, the British Admiral in command of the station, has ordered that the wounded Russians shall not be handed over to the Japanese unless they so desire.

The Japanese did not lose a man. None of the fleet, which is known to have been in overwhelming force, was damaged. The engagement was watched by four foreign warships, including the United States gunboat Vicksburg. They all saluted the Japanese flag Thursday, it being the great national festival of Kigenetsu, the anniversary of the accession of the Emperor Jimmu to the throne and the foundation of the present imperial line, 2554 years ago.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S REPORT.

Japanese Lost Four Killed in the First Engagement.

Tokio, Thursday, Feb. 11.—Admiral Togo's official report of the attack of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur reached Tokio late this evening. The admiral left the battle ground not knowing the full extent of the damage his torpedoes had inflicted. The translation of Admiral Togo's report is as follows:

"At midnight February 8 our advance squadron attacked the enemy at Port Arthur. At the time the enemy's advance squadron was, for the most part, outside Port Arthur. Of the advance squadron, at least the battleship Pol-two others appendebadnshdurrirrm tava, the protected cruiser Askold and two others appeared to have been struck.

"On February 9 at noon our fleet advanced in the offing off Port Arthur bay and attacked the rest of the enemy's fleet for about 40 minutes. The result of the attack is not yet known, but considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy, and I believe they were greatly demoralized. They stopped fighting about 1 o'clock and appeared to retreat into the harbor.

"In this action the damage to our

fleet was slight and our fighting strength is not decreased. The number killed and wounded was 58. Of these four were killed and 54 wounded."

BLOW ALMOST KILLED FATHER

Young Lady Flits Away To Los Angeles to Wed.

San Bernardino, Feb. 12.—Cupid has been busy and one of the most charming of the society belles has eloped and become a married woman. Colton has not been stirred for many moons as it is over this present elopement and the pretty romance promises to furnish a topic for the swell set for many a day to come. This afternoon, Miss Stella Hebbard, the young lady in the present affair, announced to her parents her intention of attending a function in this city. On the car she was joined by a young lady friend, who accompanied her to this city and saw her safely on board the Santa Fe train for Los Angeles. The friend then posted a letter which the young lady had written that she had gone to Los Angeles to become the wife of Peter Filanc, who she had come to love with increasing devotion. This evening her father, W. C. Hebbard, of the firm of T. Hebbard Company, and one of the wealthiest men of this vicinity, was fairly stunned when he opened the envelope and read its contents.

He followed his daughter to Los Angeles on the next train, but arrived too late. Peter J. Filanc had not planned such a romance for nothing and before he left for Los Angeles Sunday he had arranged with Miss Hebbard that he would not send for her unless all arrangements for the marriage could be made satisfactorily, for there are numerous questions which priests must be satisfied upon before they will consent to unite two fond and loving hearts. The lucky groom is the sole heir to an estate valued at \$150,000. His mother is a descendant of the famous Salazar family, one of the most aristocratic and influential families of the old Spanish regime, while the late Mr. Filanc was a nobleman of the old school, whose family had for centuries been noted among the pastoral princes of the old world, always rich, even as far back as genealogy can trace them down to the present day.

Sweet Thanks and \$10.

St. Louis, Feb. 12.—James P. Nolan, a conductor on the Cherokee division of the transit company, yesterday picked up a package on a seat in his car which had been left behind by a young woman, and turned it into the car offices. Upon opening the package it was found to contain \$80,000, consisting of bank notes, endorsed checks and other negotiable paper.

On the next trip of his car the lady who lost the package boarded it at Twelfth and Pine streets. Nolan recognized her and assured her the package was safe. She rode to the Jefferson avenue sheds, recovered the valuable package with contents intact, handed Nolan a \$10 bill and thanked him sweetly for his honesty. She declined to give her name to the conductor or officials.

Struck By Crucifix.

Berkeley, Feb. 12.—A heavy crucifix fell upon Miss Olivia S. Wright, a student at the Berkeley High School and daughter of Mrs. Olivia G. Wright, of Virginia street, while she was worshipping at St. Mark's Episcopal church at the communion service yesterday morning.

THERE IS HOPE FOR HANNA'S RECOVERY

Distinguished Senator Passing Through Climax of His Illness With Chance That He Will Yet Win.

Dangerously Near the End During Afternoon But Rallied Later in the Evening.

POWERFUL STIMULANTS USED

Heart Beats for a Time Scarcely Detected, and Another Such Attack Will Doubtless Prove Fatal.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna is passing through the climax of his illness. This afternoon it was feared he was dying, but tonight he rallied strongly and there is again some hope that he may yet win the forlorn fight. The odds are much against his recovery, but the sturdy physique of the man, aided by oxygen and powerful stimulants, brought him through this afternoon when he was sinking rapidly, and possibly may do so again.

It is now a question of how long the climax of the fever will last, and how many and severe will be any further attacks, for today's spell was so severe that another probably will witness the end.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna suffered a serious setback this afternoon, as the result of a chill. His temperature became much higher, and heart action was so feeble as to be almost unperceptible. Strong saline solutions and oxygen were administered and he is somewhat improved. His condition is very critical.

No Change Reported.

Washington, Feb. 13 (3:30 a. m.)—There are no signs of any change in Senator Hanna's condition at this hour.

Soldiers Are Mutilated.

New York, Feb. 12.—With the burial in Cypress Hills cemetery yesterday of Private Frank Smith, of the Ninety-eighth battery, United States artillery, there was revealed the story of his death Monday in the Fort Hamilton military reservation. Smith's comrades says that he put an end to his life because he was ordered to do duty by Surgeon-Major Junius L. Powell when he was sick and unfit to work. The officers at the post decline to discuss the case.

Smith's death, it is alleged, has brought to light cases of ill-treatment of sick soldiers at the reservation and an investigation is being conducted by a board of inquiry made up of Captain Connors, Captain Stone and Lieutenant Kilberth. Since Monday afternoon scores of soldiers have been brought before the board to tell what they know concerning the death of Smith and other matters, and the inquiry, it was said, by an officer last night, will not end until every private, corporal and sergeant at the reservation is examined.

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